GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2613
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Forest Clearance
Nete Shri Ashok Mahadeorao

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the State Government of Maharashtra relating to diversion of gauge conversion works of existing metregauge rail track to broad gauge rail track between Akola to Khandwa and clearance under provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for establishing zoo, safari and rescue centre on 1913.91 hectares of forest land at Gorewada, Nagpur, Maharashtra;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the present status of the said proposal; and
(d) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be finalized along with the reasons for delay therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)to (d): The proposal from the State Government of Maharashtra relating to diversion of gauge conversion works of existing metre gauge rail track to broad gauge rail track between Akola to Khandwa has not been received. The proposal will be considered in National Board of Wildlife as and when it is received from the State Government after the recommendation of State Board of Wildlife. However, another proposal for establishing zoo safari and rescue centre on 1913.91 hectares of forest land at Gorewada, Nagpur, Maharashtra was received off-line from the State Government vide their letter dated 30.05.2015 and the same was returned to the State Government vide this Ministry's letter 01.02.2016 for online submission as per the existing procedure.

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